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PEOPLE ARE MONEY TIGHT

They've got it, but are holding on to it for fear of trouble ahead--

That's What Makes Trouble

It has already made it for us. The **SPECIALLY BIG STOCK** of CLOTHING we bought for the winter trade is not moving as it should.

Something Had to Be Done.

That is our one and only reason for making a **Tremendous Cut on Clothes**

right now--at this one season of the year when business is naturally good. We bought heavily in anticipation of a greatly increased trade. Here it is, less than two weeks of Christmas, and no increase. We are afraid, hence our determination to

Unload Regardless of Profit.

Look at these prices:

Men's Clothing.

Suits which sold from \$12.50 to \$16.00 now.....	\$ 9.65
" " " " 18.50 to 22.50 now.....	12.88
" " " " 23.00 to 26.00 now.....	16.90
" " " " 26.00 to 30.00 now.....	19.25

Overcoats which sold from \$10.00 to \$12.50 now.....	\$ 8.00
" " " " 13.50 to 16.50 now.....	9.65
" " " " 18.00 to 20.00 now.....	13.25
" " " " 23.50 to 30.00 now.....	17.85

Extra Pants which formerly sold from 2.00 to 3.00 now.....	\$ 1.65
" " " " 3.50 to 4.00 now.....	2.85
" " " " 5.00 to 7.50 now.....	4.35

Boys' Clothing.

Suits which formerly sold from \$3.00 to \$4.00 now.....	\$ 2.15
" " " " 4.50 to 6.00 now.....	3.25
" " " " 6.50 to 8.50 now.....	5.00

Reductions are on in all Departments--
HATS, SHOES, FURNISHING GOODS.
Everything New and of latest style.

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Palatka, - Florida.

Peerless Process

Artificial
Stone Walls,
Copings and Steps
for Cemetery
Work and
Water Tight Vaults
a specialty.

For prices or estimates
apply to
G., or O. PETRE,
Palatka, Fla.

Shoes Free!

To every child born in Putnam County during the year 1907 that is brought to my store before two months old, I will give its first pair of shoes **ABSOLUTELY FREE.**

William M. Curry,
The Man With Shoes
Palatka, Florida

FOR SALE

Improved and Unimproved Land

In Both City and County.

Henry Strunz,
Palatka, Florida

A Gift of Lasting Value

If you would have your Christmas remembrances treasured, choose them with an eye to utility as well as beauty. One of the most practical, and one of lasting value, is a

HAMILTON Watch

—a perfect time-keeper, constructed and adjusted with the utmost care—timed to run within a second a day.

A HAMILTON Watch does not necessarily mean a High Price.

SMITH, the Jeweler.

That Proposed Traffic Bridge.

The fact that no start has as yet been made on the proposed highway bridge over the St. Johns river at this place, and for which a contract was made with the Converse Bridge company of Chattanooga, Tenn., on the 9th of last October, is causing no end of comment, especially as the contract called for the completed structure by the first of October, 1908.

At the November meeting of the board of county commissioners word was received from the company that its agent was looking into the legal aspects of the contract, and that a report would be made later. At the December meeting of the board, last week, there was no additional word received from the company.

Mr. Walcott, the agent of the company, and the one with whom the contract was made, has been in the city this week. When approached by the News and asked to furnish a reason for the delay, Mr. Walcott said:

"I really don't know anything about it, as I have not been in the office of the company since leaving here in October. I am here now simply to consult Mr. Hilburn over some legal complications regarding work we think of doing in West Florida, and my visit has nothing whatever to do with the proposed Palatka bridge. Neither have I heard anything concerning the reasons for delay. I can only conjecture that the legal enquiry which the company reported it was making, had to do with the power of the county commissioners to construct a toll bridge. Then I surmise that the present financial stringency throughout the country may have something to do with the delay in starting the work."

"I will say, however, that the bridge will be built as agreed upon. There is plenty of time yet to complete it by the date fixed in the contract. It can be done in six months and we have ten. If it was a matter of financing the structure and we needed an extension of time to tide us over the present depression, we feel that the county commissioners would grant us any reasonable extension. I have never yet been refused any reasonable extension of time on any project by a board of county commissioners."

"But, really, I am in the dark concerning the delay in starting this bridge work, and what I say is only conjecture. I may have some information in a day or two, in which event I will be pleased to inform the News."

The Organ Recital.

Music lovers of Palatka were blessed with a special opportunity to indulge their fancy in the organ recital given at the Presbyterian church last Tuesday night by local talent. And Palatka has local talent, and lots of it that is of a high order.

Said one strange gentleman to the News: "Palatka is certainly to be congratulated in having such an abundance of real musical talent as was in evidence this night. It was one of the most enjoyable concerts I have ever attended. Mrs. Charles and Miss Bassett are certainly artistic in their handling of that magnificent organ, and the young man (Warner T. Hamm) who played the violin has a wonderful control of his instrument for one so young."

The opening number was Gounod's Praise Ye the Father, by Mesdames Hamm, Smith, Phillips, Miss Anderson, and Messrs. W. G. and N. J. Tighman Jr. and S. J. Barstow, and it was magnificently rendered.

Miss Leib, Mrs. G. W. Bassett and Mr. E. S. Maddocks had vocal solo parts.

There was a large audience present and the enjoyment was manifest and general.

Never can tell when you'll mash a finger or suffer a cut, bruise, burn or scald. Be prepared. Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil instantly relieves the pain—quickly cures the wound.

The Doll Bazaar.

Beginning on Tuesday afternoon, the 17th, at 2:30 o'clock, a doll bazaar will open in the Canova block. This sale of fine dolls is given by the girls of St. Marks Sunday school and will be unique to say the least. The dolls will all be dressed to represent different characters. Take your children to see the fine display and grasp your opportunity to purchase home dressed dolls for Christmas.

Constipation causes headache, nausea, dizziness, languor, heart palpitation. Drastic physics gripe, sicken, weaken the bowels and don't cure. Don's Regulets act gently and cure constipation. 25 cents. Ask your druggist.

MARION COUNTY'S FIGHT

For Prohibition is Now On—Liquor Men Made Trouble.

The board of county commissioners for Marion county has called a "wet or dry" election for January 21st. That the calling of this election was stubbornly contested by the liquor interests of the county is apparent from the following, taken from the Ocala Banner of last week:

"The battle is about ended. All the legal subtleties and technicalities have been met and overcome. The 850 withdrawals from the petition praying for the calling of an election to settle the liquor question in this county, was carefully considered by the board of county commissioners yesterday. There were representatives present from both factions to look after their respective interests. By consent of all parties six hundred and eighty-two were eliminated from the 'withdrawal list.' This left only 168, and of this number only 35 were white."

Never before since the days of Adam was there such a tempest in a teapot!

"And of all that talk of the wholesale number of names fraudulently stricken from the registration books, only one name, so far as we have heard, has been mentioned, and he has been actively engaged in business in Tampa for several years."

"We never before heard of a mountain laboring so furiously and bringing forth such infinitesimal results."

"Had the registration book not been revised, had not a single name been stricken from it, and eliminating all the withdrawals to a mere 'dry' would still have nearly a hundred names to spare!"

"The board of county commissioners have been asked to call the election for January 14, 1908, and the request in all probability will be granted at the session of the board this morning."

"There seems to be but one opinion as to the result, and that is that the majority for the 'drys' will be about two to one, and it may be more."

New Fountain Ordered.

Ever since the committee of ladies from the Woman's Fortnightly Club, of which Mrs. Geo. E. Gay is the head—assumed responsibility for the ornamentation and care of the City grounds, the new Palatka is to make improvement. Today it requires but a slight stretch of the imagination to picture what these grounds will soon mean as one of the many units of beauty that are to contribute to the general and more favorable impression that the new Palatka is to make on strangers. And not to strangers only, but to our own people.

The latest work of these ladies for the improvement of the grounds is the ordering of a three basin fountain which will be set up in the space reserved for it in front of the hall.

Rows of stately palm trees have been set out on the streets around the grounds, the grounds leveled and set out in grass, together with some 50 trees and shrubs, some of which are very rare specimens, sent by Congressman Frank Clark. The grass and trees seem to be in a flourishing condition, and with the care which these patriotic ladies propose to take in the work the people of Palatka can feel sure that there will be at least one public place in this city which will be a place of beauty.

Card of Thanks.

The guild of St. Marks church desires to publicly express its thanks to Mr. L. C. Canova for the use of his store room; Messrs. R. S. Mooney and F. A. Gerber for tables; Capt. M. R. Ryan for china; the Woman's Fortnightly club and the U. D. C. for chairs, and the merchants and public generally for liberal contributions and patronage.

ST. MARKS GUILD,
by MRS. S. H. BASS, Sec.

Shoes and Things.

Ladies who appreciate a shapely shoe and one that is the acme of style and has genuine wearing qualities, should see the Queen Quality. Herbert Crook is the sole Palatka agent. Mr. Crook also has leading shoes for men, such as the Stetson—a strictly high-grade shoe.

But Mr. Crook has other things. Sox, for instance. Look at a few of the elegant samples in his front show case. Most any young man would like a half dozen of such Sox for a 'Xmas present. They're dreams.

LOST—A clover leaf brooch, with pearls and diamond ornaments. Finder will please leave at office of Arlington Hotel and receive reward.

Now is the time to set out

Shade Trees.

Catalapa, Seedling Pecans and Wild Oranges,
Trees 4 to 6 feet high.

Price \$20 per 100 delivered to any point on
A. C. L. Railway.

J. H. WYLIE,
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PALATKA, FLORIDA.

Realty of all kinds bought, sold, exchanged and rented.
Headquarters of the Southern Brokerage Co.
Office opposite front of Putnam House.

Miss Kennerly in Ocala.

On Saturday afternoon Miss Annie Matthews entertained about twenty-five of her friends at a linen shower at the home of Mrs. E. M. Howard in honor of Miss Louise Scott.

Miss Matthews received her guests in a dainty white dress with pink ribbons. Miss Scott looked quite sweet and girlish in a brown silk jumper suit and brown hat to match. Miss Maude Kennerly of Palatka, a pretty and vivacious blonde, looked lovely in a brown crepe de chene gown.

After all the guests had assembled they were invited to the back parlor, where all the little packages had been put in a white parasol, and were showered on the bride-to-be, all the guests gathered around her to admire the pretty little gifts, which were all appropriate and useful.

During the afternoon Mrs. G. C. Pasteur and Miss Alice Bullock sang several sweet solos, Misses Ethel Haycraft and Maude Kennerly played beautifully and Miss Madge Simms delighted the guests with several readings.

The young ladies invited to this lovely "shower" were: Mrs. Charles H. Lloyd, Mrs. S. A. Rawls, Mrs. Arthur Clark, Mrs. Lee Miller, Mrs. G. C. Pasteur, Mrs. J. D. Robertson, Mrs. E. L. Maloney, Mrs. Jake Browne, Mrs. Charles Matthews, Mrs. Jim Dell of Gainesville, Miss Sallie Camp, Miss Alice Bullock, Miss Louise Harris, Miss Meta Jewett, Miss Sara McCreery, Miss Madge Simms, Miss Annie Atkinson, Miss Caro Liddon, Misses Margaret and Mamie Taylor, Miss Lillian Thigard, Miss Valeta Potter and Miss Minna Hampton of Gainesville.

Miss Matthews, assisted by Misses Ethel and Ruby Stein, Ethel Haycraft and Helen Brown, served a most delicious salad course.

Miss Matthews' party will always be remembered as one of the delightful parties of the season.—Ocala Banner.

Another New Industry for Palatka.

The extensive demand for kitchen tables in Florida has hitherto compelled the furniture dealers of this state to purchase their stock in the northern markets.

In future, furniture dealers will be able to obtain these tables in Palatka from Messrs. G. M. Davis & Son, the well-known manufacturers of cypress tanks. Owing to the excellent facilities and the improved machinery, with which their new factory is equipped, the enterprising firm of G. M. Davis & Son is now in position to turn out nearly twice the number of tanks with the same force of workmen, as they were able to manufacture in their former factory, and in order to utilize a portion of the waste material and also to keep their full quota of workmen in steady employment, they have commenced the manufacture of kitchen tables which will be sold to the trade exclusively.

Coburn's Minstrels.

A radical departure from the custom of minstrelsy and minstrel grades has been made this season by Manager Coburn of "J. A. Coburn's Greater Minstrels" in presenting his company in street parade daily dressed in regulation black silk hat, Prince Albert street dress coat, and light striped trousers and spats. He has in the past carried the most courteous, fine appearing, gentlemanly set of performers, and given the cleanest and brightest minstrel performances ever seen in the south. There are also among his company several members from among the finest families of the southern states, and his antipathy against questionable appearances, songs, jokes or actions on his stage is absolutely established in the confidence of the public. Watch for the parade and minstrel concert next Thursday at noon. Performance at night at 8:20.

Fearnside's Big Sale.

Never before in the history of Palatka has such a stock of high grade clothing been put upon the market at such self-selling prices as is now being offered by the Fearnside Clothing Company of this city.

The reasons for the sale will be made apparent to every one who will take the trouble to look at the company's big advertisement on the first page of this paper.

The financial depression that is now sweeping the country is being unmistakably felt in Palatka. Mr. Fearnside bought heavily in the fall in anticipation of a bigger trade than usual. That increase has not come. And though it is the Christmas time, the best of all the year for the retailer, Mr. Fearnside has decided to take advantage of it to unload. He has simply eliminated all idea of profit on clothes.

It will pay you to read his quotations. And it should be remembered that they are all quotations on new and up-to-date clothing—garments of the hand tailored variety made by such leading houses as A. B. Kirschbaum and Schloss Bros.

Do Your Shopping Now.

The merchants of Palatka have done themselves proud in the matter of holiday good. The stores are filled with those things that are useful or ornamental, or both. There never was a Christmas season in the history of the place when the objects from which to choose a gift were so varied and so numerous. These articles are now on exhibition in all their glory, and the time to make selection is NOW.

It is the best time for the buyer and the best time for the seller.

It will be a relief to the overworked clerk by spreading their work more equally through the days.

In the name of humanity the women's organizations of the large cities have called upon the shoppers to buy now and not crowd the clerks at the last minute.

The advertising columns of the News this week are worthy the careful perusal of every person. And the merchants—those who have made these announcements—if anything, are too modest. Their story hasn't had been told.

Go and see them. Make your selections early—MAKE THEM NOW.

THAT SPECIAL SESSION.

'Tis Said Gov. Broward Will Call it For Jan. 6th

A Tallahassee special to the Jacksonville Metropolis on Wednesday evening says:

"It is reported here on the best of authority that Governor Broward has at last decided to call an extra session of the Florida Legislature on Monday, January 6th. The governor, it is understood, finally made up his mind to call this extra session on this date, notwithstanding there has been great opposition manifested all over the state by press and public."

"One peculiar feature about this extra session is that the members will be called upon to correct the errors made by themselves at the regular session of last spring."

"What the people of the state are worried about is what guarantee have they (the people) that more mistakes will not be made by the solons in the extra session."

"In the meantime, the taxpayers of Florida have to foot the bills."

"Some sensational charges against certain corporations of the state, it is reported, will be a feature of the Governor's message."

Special Religious Services.

Rev. John A. Wray, pastor of the Baptist church at Plant City, is conducting a ten days' revival service at the Baptist church in this city with daily services at 3 and 7:30 p. m.

The services began on Monday and will continue into next week. The interest is deep and the church is filled with people at every service, and it is apparent that great good will result from this special effort.

Mr. Wray is an earnest, forceful and eloquent preacher. The service at 3 o'clock next Sunday afternoon will be for men only.

Pastor Gullion cordially invites the people of Palatka to come and enjoy these services.

The Christmas Spirit.

Do you! now what that is? It is the generous spirit—the spirit of giving. There will be millions of gifts made between now and the New Year. And I wish to remind you that my store is full of goods suitable for gifts such as

Knit Goods, Table Covers and Bureau Scarfs, Handkerchiefs and Fancy Collars, Windsor Ties, Dolls, and Many Useful and Ornamental Novelties.

All of which will express the Christmas Spirit and at comparatively little cost to you. Visit my store; it will prove a money-saving visit to you.

Respectfully,

Miss Hattie N. Buky.

Big Stock of
New Hosiery
Just received.
also
Laces and
Embroideries,
and
Infants Wear.
Our display of
Millinery for the
Fall and Winter is
proving a great
attraction
this fall.

Miss Kate Lucas.



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Your Quest
for Quality
must end with

Libbey Cut Glass,

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